GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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VISIT OF TOURISTS TO KARNATAKA
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tourists who visited Karnataka during the last two years, year-wise;

(b) the details of monuments/sites of historical importance in Karnataka which attract a large number of tourists; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government for the promotion of domestic/international tourism in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): The estimated number of visits of tourist to Karnataka during the years 1999& 2000 is as follows:-

Year	Number of tourist visits
1999	16.13 million
2000	18.21 million

Similar figure for the year 2001 is not available

(b): Various monuments/sites which attract a large number of tourists in Karnataka include: Keshwa Temple in Somnathpura, Vithala Temple and Zanana enclosure in Hampi, Bellary fort, Chitradurga fort, Daria Daulat Bagh and Tipu Sultan Palace.

(c): Various steps being taken to attract more domestic & foreign tourists include positioning and maintaining tourism development as a national priority activity, enhancing and maintaining the competitiveness of India as a tourism destination, improving India's existing tourism products and expanding these to meet new market requirements, creation of world class infrastructure, developing sustained and effective marketing plans and programs, special thrust to rural and small segment tourism and attention to civilisational issues and issues pertaining to civic administration and good governance and also of social and cultural values.